Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one registered letter was missing in the Kunnamkulam Anchal Office;

if so, what action was taken and how the matter ended?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes, in Medam 1108.

The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is now more than three years?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Anchal Master was suspended and degraded and it has been ordered that he should not be put in charge of an independent station. There is a civil case pending in the Wadakkanchery Munsiff's Court and so further action will be taken only after knowing the results of the civil case.

Tolls—collection of.

198. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that in Mysore and some other States the practice of collecting tolls by the Municipalities and Taluks is for 24 hours and not from sun-rise to sun-set;

(2) will the Government be pleased to introduce this system in our State also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) It is not the practice in the State to collect tolls from sun-rise to sun-set. It is from mid-night to mid-night at Municipal toll-gates and from sun-rise to sun-rise at Taluk toll-gates.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the principle of levying tolls that the toll is levied for using the road for 24 hours?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—I accept that principle. But there are certain practical difficulties. If the tolls are maintained by two different toll contractors there is a likelihood of the person who takes the toll receipt to induce the contractor to give a wrong time. If such a practice is followed it is possible that our toll revenues will be affected.

Connecting the river lying between Chambakara and Chittur (South) with the Backwater.

199. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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